

Listing and Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace the claims that were published in the PCT
Application:

1. (currently amended) An apparatus ~~(20)~~ having an emergency alert function, comprising:

tuning means ~~(22)~~ for tuning signals including emergency alert signals capable of activating said emergency alert function; and

processing means ~~(27)~~ for enabling a disabled audio output device associated with said apparatus ~~(20)~~ responsive to activation of said emergency alert function.

2. (currently amended) The apparatus ~~(20)~~ of claim 1, wherein said disabled audio output device includes an internal speaker ~~(25)~~ of said apparatus ~~(20)~~.

3. (currently amended) The apparatus ~~(20)~~ of claim 1, wherein said disabled audio output device is operatively connected to an audio output terminal of said apparatus ~~(20)~~.

4. (currently amended) The apparatus ~~(20)~~ of claim 1, wherein said processing means ~~(27)~~ further enables a first alert output via said audio output device responsive to activation of said emergency alert function.

5. (currently amended) The apparatus ~~(20)~~ of claim 4, wherein said processing means ~~(27)~~ further enables a second alert output via a secondary device responsive to activation of said emergency alert function.

6. (currently amended) The apparatus ~~(20)~~ of claim 5, wherein said secondary device includes a telephone ~~(40)~~.

7. (currently amended) The apparatus ~~(20)~~ of claim 5, wherein said secondary device includes a computer ~~(52-55)~~.

8. (currently amended) The apparatus ~~(20)~~ of claim 5, wherein said secondary device includes a television signal receiver ~~(60)~~.

9. (currently amended) The apparatus ~~(20)~~ of claim 5, wherein said secondary device includes a visual output device ~~(70)~~.

10. (currently amended) A method ~~(300)~~ for controlling an apparatus ~~(20)~~ having an emergency alert function, comprising:

tuning signals including emergency alert signals capable of activating said emergency alert function ~~(302)~~; and

enabling a disabled audio output device associated with said apparatus ~~(20)~~ responsive to activation of said emergency alert function ~~(307)~~.

11. (currently amended) The method ~~(300)~~ of claim 10, wherein said disabled audio output device includes an internal speaker ~~(25)~~ of said apparatus ~~(20)~~.

12. (currently amended) The method ~~(300)~~ of claim 10, wherein said disabled audio output device is operatively connected to an audio output terminal of said apparatus ~~(20)~~.

13. (currently amended) The method ~~(300)~~ of claim 10, further comprised of enabling a first alert output via said audio output device responsive to activation of said emergency alert function ~~(308)~~.

14. (currently amended) The method ~~(300)~~ of claim 13, further comprised of enabling a second alert output via a secondary device responsive to activation of said emergency alert function ~~(308)~~.

15. (currently amended) The method ~~(300)~~ of claim 14, wherein said secondary device includes a telephone ~~(40)~~.

16. (currently amended) The method ~~(300)~~ of claim 14, wherein said secondary device includes a computer ~~(52-55)~~.

17. (currently amended) The method ~~(300)~~ of claim 14, wherein said secondary device includes a television signal receiver ~~(60)~~.

18. (currently amended) The method ~~(300)~~ of claim 14, wherein said secondary device includes a visual output device ~~(70)~~.

19. (currently amended) A television signal receiver ~~(20)~~ having an emergency alert function, comprising:

a tuner ~~(22)~~ operative to tune signals including emergency alert signals capable of activating said emergency alert function; and

a processor ~~(27)~~ operative to enable a disabled audio output device associated with said television signal receiver ~~(20)~~ responsive to activation of said emergency alert function.

20. (currently amended) The television signal receiver ~~(20)~~ of claim 19, wherein said disabled audio output device includes an internal speaker ~~(25)~~ of said television signal receiver ~~(20)~~.

21. (currently amended) The television signal receiver ~~(20)~~ of claim 19, wherein said disabled audio output device is operatively connected to an audio output terminal of said television signal receiver ~~(20)~~.

22. (currently amended) The television signal receiver ~~(20)~~ of claim 19, wherein said processor ~~(27)~~ is further operative to enable a first alert output via said audio output device responsive to activation of said emergency alert function.

23. (currently amended) The television signal receiver ~~(20)~~ of claim 22, wherein said processor ~~(27)~~ is further operative to enable a second alert output via a secondary device responsive to activation of said emergency alert function.

24. (currently amended) The television signal receiver ~~(20)~~ of claim 23, wherein said secondary device includes a telephone ~~(40)~~.

25. (currently amended) The television signal receiver ~~(20)~~ of claim 23, wherein said secondary device includes a computer ~~(52-55)~~.

26. (currently amended) The television signal receiver ~~(20)~~ of claim 23, wherein said secondary device includes a television signal receiver ~~(60)~~.

27. (currently amended) The television signal receiver ~~(20)~~ of claim 23, wherein said secondary device includes a visual output device ~~(70)~~.